

PRESS RELEASE

The United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit announces the appointment of Suzanne H. Bauknight as United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee at Knoxville. She was sworn in on November 10, 2014 and succeeds Bankruptcy Judge Richard Stair, Jr. who retired on September 30, 2014. Judge Bauknight joins Chief Bankruptcy Judge Marcia Phillips Parsons and Judges John C. Cook and Shelley D. Rucker on the bench in the Eastern District of Tennessee.

Judge Bauknight comes to the Court from the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Tennessee where she served as Chief of the Civil Division. She received her B.A. with honors from the University of South Carolina and her Juris Doctor with honors from the University of South Carolina School of Law where she was a member of the Order of the Coif and the *South Carolina Law Review*. Following law school, Judge Bauknight clerked for the Honorable C. Tolbert Goolsby of the South Carolina Court of Appeals. She was in private practice before assuming her position with the United States Attorney's Office.

Judge Bauknight has served as a member of the Local Rules Committee of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee and is President and Master of the Bench of the Hamilton Burnett American Inn of Court. She is a member of the Tennessee, Knoxville, and South Carolina Bar Associations and has served as co-chair of the Knoxville Bar Association's Government and Public Service Sector Lawyers Section.

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